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BANGKOK FOR ABRAMOWITZ - SECRETARY CLEMENTS PARTY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VISIT OF DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE CLEMENTS VISITED  
SINGAPORE SEPT. 28 -29. DURING 24 HOUR STAY, CLEMENTS  
MET WITH PM LEE, LUNCHEON WITH DEFENSE MINISTER GOH  
KENG SWEE AT RESIDENCE, ATTENDED DINNER GIVEN BY PERMSEC  
FOR DEFENSE PANG TEE POW AND VISITED SEMBAWANG SHIP-  
YARD AND ANZUK NAVAL BASIN ON NORTH SIDE OF ISLAND.  
CLEMENTS MEETING WITH LEE REPORTED SEPTTEL.

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2. DURING WIDE RANGING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION, DR. GOH

AND SECRETARY CLEMENTS DISCUSSED FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

(A) INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND OIL PRICES:

GOH EXPRESSED GENERAL CONCERN OVER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND OVERALL IMPACT OF RISE IN OIL PRICES, AND REQUESTED CLEMENTS' ESTIMATE OF PERFORMANCE OF US ECONOMY OVER NEXT SIX MONTHS. CLEMENTS REPLIED THAT U.S. ECONOMY WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN ABOUT THE SAME.

WHEN GOH WAS ASKED WHY COUNTRIES MOST ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY OIL CRISIS DID NOT SPEAK OUT, HE SAID THEY WERE AFRAID THEY MIGHT NOT RECEIVE ARAB ECONOMIC AID. WHEN ASKED FOR HIS SOLUTION TO THE OIL PROBLEM, GOH SAID A U.S. AIRBORNE BATTALION MIGHT DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM VERY SATISFACTORILY. (COMMENT: WHILE GOH IS SOMEWHAT OF A HAWK IN HIS IDEAS ABOUT WHAT OTHERS SHOULD DO TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS, DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT LAST YEAR GOS WENT TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO APPEASE ARABS BY (A) COLLABORATING WITH OIL COMPANIES IN APPLYING THE OIL EMBARGO TO DFSC CONTRACT RECIPIENTS, AND BY

B) PHASING OUT ISRAELI MILITARY MISSION IN RESPONSE TO ARAB PRESSURE.)

(B) UK DEFENSE REVIEW: GOH SAID THE BRITISH WERE AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF OCT. 10 ELECTIONS. IF LABOR WON, UK

WOULD REACH AN EARLY DECISION (PROBABLY BY DECEMBER) TO PULL OUT THEIR ARMY BATTALION FROM SINGAPORE. IF CONSERVATIVES WON, DECISION MIGHT TAKE A LITTLE LONGER. ALTHOUGH GOS WANTED BRITISH FORCES TO REMAIN, HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC RE PROSPECT OF KEEPING BRITISH GROUND FORCES. HE SEEMS TO THINK THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE THAT SMALL BRITISH NAVAL AND AIR PRESENCE (INCLUDING LONG DISTANCE AIR RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT --NIMRODS) WOULD REMAIN. CLEMENTS SAID U.S. WAS ANXIOUS TO HAVE BRITISH FORCES, AND ESPECIALLY THE NAVY AND NIMRODS, REMAIN.

(C) INDIAN OCEAN AND DIEGO GARCIA: FOLLOWING  
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DESCRIPTION

BY CLEMENTS OF U.S. PLANS FOR DIEGO GARCIA, GOH EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT AND SAID IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT FOR U.S. NAVY TO KEEP OPERATING IN INDIAN OCEAN TO COUNTER THE SOVIETS. WHEN CLEMENTS INDICATED THAT EXPANSION OF FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO GRADUAL INCREASE IN U.S. NAVY SHIP VISITS TO SINGAPORE, GOH SAID THIS WAS FINE AND INDICATED THIS

HOPEFULLY WOULD GIVE MORE BUSINESS TO SEMBAWANG SHIP-  
YARD. CLEMENTS STRESSED U.S.G. APPRECIATION FOR  
SINGAPORE'S  
HOSPITALITY AND COOPERATION IN RECEIVING U.S. NAVY  
SHIP VISITS.  
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